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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Joseph L. Kim et al.  
Serial No. : 09/303,216  
Filed : April 30, 1999  
For : CRYSTALS OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE OR  
FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A HELICASE  
BINDING POCKET

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Plunkett  
12/15/00

New York, New York  
September 14, 1999

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, delete the title "Hepatitis C Virus Helicase Crystals and Molecules Comprising Helicase Binding Pockets", and substitute therefor --Crystals of Hepatitis C Virus Helicase Or Fragments Thereof Comprising A Helicase Binding Pocket--.

On page 1, immediately after the title, insert